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- b. ☐ none of the figures is to be published with the abstract.

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IAP9/Rec'd PCT/PTO 21 SEP 2006**Text of the abstract****(Continuation of item 5 of the first sheet)**

The present invention relates to washing machines, and more particularly, to a washing machine having a venting device (100) for making a tub (64) therein in communication with an outside of the washing machine, with noise leakage preventive means provided thereto.

For this, a washing machine of the present inventions includes a tub (64) in a cabinet (52), a venting unit (100) for making the tub (64) to be in communicatin with an outside of the cabinet (52), and sound insulation means in the venting unit (100) for blocking noise from leaking from the tub (64) to the outside of the cabinet (52).

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC⁸: **D06F 39/12** (2006.01); **F24F 13/24** (2006.01)

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC⁸: D06F, F24FDocumentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	WO 2003/057969 A1 (LG ELECTRONICS INC.) 17 July 2003 (17.07.2003) <i>figures 1, 15, 16, page 19, line 11 - page 21, line 12</i>	1-5, 12-15, 17
Y	--	6, 16, 18, 20
Y	WO 1997/009527 A1 (WOCO FRANZ-JOSEF WOLF & CO.) 13 March 1997 (13.03.1997) <i>figure 5, page 8, line 7 - page 9, line 8</i>	6, 16, 18, 20
A	EP 0 844 439 A2 (TECWORK S.R.L. IMPIANTI TECNOLOGICI) 27 May 1998 (27.05.1998) <i>figure 1, column 2, line 21 - column 3, line 28</i>	8-11, 19

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